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PARIS AND BRUSSELS FOR BNDD REPS

SIMO. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, PFOR, NL, US

SUBJECT: HEROIN SEIZURE IN AMSTERDAM

REF: (A) BUSSELS 1427

(B) BRUSSELS 1383 SENT ACTION BNDD WASHDC

(C) THE HAGUE A-277 OF 10/16/72 (NOTAL)

1. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT FULLY INFORMED ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING SEIZURE REPORTED REFTELS A AND B AND ON ANY FURTHER HEROIN SEIZURES WHICH MAY BE MADE IN NETHS WITH BNDD COOPERATION. A PRIME EMBASSY OBJECTIVE IS CREATION OF SOME SORT OF DUTCH AGENCY OR COMMITTEE AT NATIONAL LEVEL TO ASSIST AND STIMULATE LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN COMBATING HEROIN TRAFFICKING BEFORE IT BECOMES MORE SERIOUS. DCM AND EMBASSY NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICER HAVE MEETING SCHEDULED MARCH 20 AND 21 WITH MFA AND JUSTICE MINISTRY OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS INFORMALLY WAYS IN WHICH COOPERATION BETWEEN NETHS AND US NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS MIGHT BE FURTHER FACILITATED AND STRENGTHENED. THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE REPORTED IN SEPTEL.

2. IN SEPARATE BUT RELATED MATTER, BNDD REPS IN BRUSSELS AND
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PARIS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT DRAFT EXTRADITION TREATY INITIALLED IN OCTOBER 1972 (REF C) INCLUDES NARCOTICS OFFENSES. FURTHERMORE, UNDER ARTICLE 27 OF DRAFT, TREATY WOULD HAVE RETROACTIVE EFFECT PROVIDED DOUBLE JEOPARDY NOT INVOLVED. THUS, IF TREATY SHOULD BE CONCLUDED AND BROUGHT INTO FORCE BEFORE FINAL JUDGMENT MADE BY DUTCH COURTS IN THIS CASE, US COULD APPLY FOR EXTRADITION. WE THINK THAT CHANCES ARE GOOD THAT DUTCH WOULD, IN THAT EVENT, DISCONTINUE THEIR PROSECUTION AND GRANT US EXTRADITION REQUEST. EVEN IF EXTRADITION TREATY COMES INTO FORCE AFTER FINAL JUDGMENT PASSED BY DUTCH COURTS, THERE MAY BE OTHER ADDITIONAL CHARGES, IN ADDITION TO THOSE APPLIED IN DUTCH PROSECUTION, THAT COULD BE GROUNDS FOR EXTRADITION AFTER COMPLETION OF PRISON SENTENCES IN NETHS. IN ADDITION, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO REQUEST EXTRADITION FOR TWO DEFENDENTS WHO WERE NOT ON SCENE WHEN MARCH 15 SEIZURE WAS MADE, BUT AGAINST WHOM IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO BRING CHARGES LATER IN US.

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